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# Weekly Views

Generosity and community service are hallmarks of the Department, proven once again by your generous contributions, totaling \$4215, to Prevent Child Abuse America. Former IDOC Deputy Commissioner Jim Hmurovich serves as President and CEO of this charitable organization that strives to build awareness, provide education and inspire hope to everyone involved in the effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children.

In an effort to end domestic violence, the Department is joining the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the Race Away from Domestic Violence on Saturday, August 13th. We still need more walkers to join if we are going to have the largest team this year. \*\*\* The DEADLINE for TEAM entries is TUESDAY, August 9\*\*\* You can register online at [https://secure.getmeregistered.com/register.php?event\\_id=4379&c](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/register.php?event_id=4379&c) Please direct any questions to Lisa Salinas at [lsalinas@idoc.IN.gov](mailto:lsalinas@idoc.IN.gov) or (317) 233-5541.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) Superintendent Dick Brown and Correctional Officer Lonnie Land went to "jail" to help raise funds to benefit National Night Out Officers in Linton, IN during festivities this week in Greene County. Over 1,500 people turned out for the event and WVCF staffers passed out ALERT informational brochures at their display that featured a facility trip vehicle and fire department emergency vehicle.



Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program held a closing ceremony for summer participants at the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF). Eleven outside students and 14 inside students from IREF met at the facility for six weeks where they exchanged ideas about humanity and justice, examined the works and advancements resulting from the Civil Rights Movement, and looked at how community members, parents, activists, and others strove to improve their communities. IREF staff, IUPUI faculty, and members from community organizations remarked about the importance of the exchange program and celebrated the success of the participants. (see photo above)

Westville Correctional Facility's Vocational Education Department hosted a special Vegetable Palooza luncheon. The Culinary Arts and Horticulture classes combined their skills and presented a feast of garden fresh vegetable dishes. Salsa, zucchini bread, zucchini and basil lasagna, pasta and lettuce salads, mint tea and carrot cake were a few of the delights served. The luncheon allowed the student offenders to appreciate the rewards of their efforts.

During a facility recall, Putnamville Correctional Facility Superintendent Stanley Knight highlighted facility accomplishments, addressed operations and staff challenges, and relayed facility and Department news. In addition, awards were presented to Employees of the Quarter and recognition given to Unit Team Manager Russ Spicer and staff for outstanding achievement in the facility's Sanitation Contest. The contests are held as incentives for offenders and staff to exceed required levels of sanitation thereby aiding in the control of vermin, minimizing health issues and improving the offenders' quality of life.

Benny Polin, of God Praising in Prison, hosted a Gospel Fest at the Indiana Women's Prison. Approximately 50 volunteers brought in ribs & chicken with all the fixings to feed 700 offenders, staff, and volunteers. The day was filled with praise, worship and fellowship. Thanks to all that helped to make it a special day.

A "Day with Dad" program was held at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. Coordinated by Case Managers James Bennett and Dwaine Short, 51 children and 25 incarcerated fathers engaged in various activities to promote positive father-child relationships, deter recidivism and disrupt the cycle of family incarceration.



Wabash Valley is BACK, at the Indiana State Fair with a quilt entry! This is the year of the soybean and WVCF PLUS offenders have entered a dandy, hoping to repeat the success of last year's "Piggy" award winning quilt. PLUS Casework Manager Jacquie Mize said, "Who knew soybeans could look so adorable?" (see photo left)

The Ivy Tech Building Maintenance class at the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) completed construction on a house package for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Muncie, Indiana. CIF also held a PLUS unit Doughnut Fundraiser, making close to \$800.